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SUBJ: FURTHER REACTION TO SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE ADDRESS ON JULY 14

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1. WHILE SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY EL NACIONAL HAS NOT EDITORIALIZED ON SECRETARY'S SPEECH, TWO OF ITS REGULAR COLUMNISTS HARSHLY ATTACKED THE SPEECH ON JULY 18.

2. COLUMNIST VICENTE LASCURAIN ARGUES THAT THE US HAS NOT SUFFERED ANY DAMAGE IN THE UN AND THAT "NONE OF ITS INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE". HE GOES ON TO ASSERT THAT KISSINGER SEEMS TO BE RESPONDING TO WHAT HE CONSIDERS IS A BASIC ATTACK ON THE PRESTIGE AND IMAGE OF THE US. WHAT KISSINGER'S SPEECH LACKS, ACCORDING TO LASCURAIN, IS AN ANALYSIS OF WHY THE US, WHICH HEADED LARGE COMFORTABLE MAJORITIES NOT VERY MANY YEARS AGO, NOW FINDS ITSELF IN THE OPPOSITION WITH A SMALL BUT DISTINGHISED MINORITY. IN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, LASCURAIN ASSERTS THAT THE US COULD AND SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED CERDS, ANTI-COLONIALISM, AND EQUITABLE PRICES FOR PETROLEUM AND PRIMARY PRODUCTS BUT INSTEAD CHOSE TO SUPPORT TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, ANTI-COMMUNIST POWER POLITICS, AND ISOLATION RESPECTIVELY. HE CONCLUDED: "THE FRUSTRATION ARISING OUT OF SUCH NEGATIVE POSITIONS GIVES RISE TO

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INFLAMMATORY RHETORIC."

3. COLUMNIST JOSE G. CABRA YBARRA ARGUES THAT
KISSINGER'S SPEECH REFLECTS SEVERAL UNFORTUNATE BELIEFS,
I.E., THE UNGA SHOULD BE GUIDED BY GREAT POWER MORALS AND
RESPONSIVE TO MILITARY THREATS, ECONOMIC BLACKMAIL, AND
INDIRECT ACTION. CABRA CONCLUDES THAT LDC INITIATIVES AND
ACTIONS HAVE FORCED THEIR OPPRESSORS TO "LAY THEIR CARDS ON
THE TABLE" AND THAT "THE CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE TO
OUR GOVERNMENTS FOR PLAYING AND WINNING THE MATCH."
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